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DISCUSSION OF PEACE MESSAGE

President Said to be Waiting a
Communication From Ger-
man Government.

Washington, May 16.—President Wilson and the cabinet discussed briefly today the peace message from Pope Benedict. None of the cabinet members would give out any information on the subject.

In diplomatic quarters, however, it was declared that the president is awaiting a communication from the German government, which it was said Joseph C. Grew, secretary of the American embassy in Berlin, is bringing to Washington.

This government, it was said, would likely delay any formal action until it had received the expected communication from Germany.

It could not be confirmed at the White house that Mr. Grew, who sailed for the United States several days ago, is bringing a peace document from the German government, but diplomatic circles have heard that Ambassador Gerard was given papers relating to peace by the German imperial chancellor and because of their importance he had selected as special courier the official at the embassy next in rank to himself.

Note to the Netherlands.
It was learned today that Pope Benedict has sent to the Netherlands government also a communication bearing on peace and it is thought to relate to the probable selection of The Hague as the seat of the peace congress whenever it is held.

A diplomat of high standing today declared a serious peace movement was really in progress and that the three leading belligerent countries had actually made tentative selections of heads for their respective delegations to the peace congress. They were declared to be:

For Great Britain—Lord Charles Hardinge, former viceroy of India, former ambassador to Russia and at present a member of the British ministry.

For Germany—Prince von Buolow, former imperial chancellor and former ambassador to Italy, Germany's foremost diplomatist.

Bourgeois for France.
For France—Leon Bourgeois, former labor minister, former French delegate to The Hague conference, and at present a member of the French coalition ministry.

There is a strong feeling in diplomatic quarters that through the instrumentality of the United States in inaugurating formal discussions, it is possible that early this summer an armistice in Europe may be declared. It was said the sentiment for peace in all the belligerent countries is formidable and that the warring governments themselves for months have been putting out peace feelers.

It was said to have been the hope of both Great Britain and France that their big drives in France and Belgium a year ago, together with Russian co-operation in the east, would give them decisive advantages, but they failed to have that result.

HUGHES IN LEAD

OVER ROOSEVELT
Montpelier, Vt., May 16.—Justice Hughes of the supreme court had a lead of about two to one over Theodore Roosevelt in the Republican presidential primaries today, according to the showing of incomplete re-

turns. Caledonia county and eight cities and towns in other parts of the state gave Hughes 1648, Roosevelt 964. Former Secretary Root and Governor McCall of Massachusetts, divided between them most of the scattering votes.

Rain and the fact that very little campaigning has been done caused a vote estimated at only about one-tenth of the total registered. Progressives generally wrote in the name of Theodore Roosevelt on their ballots. The vote today was the first test of the primary law.

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"Enemy air raids are reported in various places—on the lower Isonzo on the night of the 14th; on Venice and Mestre on the evening of the 15th; on Udine and Treviso at dawn on the 16th, with few casualties and slight damage.

"A squadron of our Caproni aircraft bombarded the railway station at Oviadega and enemy encampments at Kostanjevica, Lohvica and Segetti, on the Carso. They dropped 50 bombs with success.

"Our squadron, though attacked by numerous batteries and by numerous enemy aircraft, returned undamaged after having brought down two enemy aviators."

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**RAIL ROUTE OF
TURKS IS CUT**

**Reported That Russian Army
Has Bottled Up Sultan's
Forces on Tigris.**

London, May 16.—That Grand Duke Nicholas has cut the Bagdad railway and that the Russians are at Mosul is the belief in London tonight. Mosul is on the Tigris 200 miles north of Bagdad. It was here that ancient Nineveh once stood.

If this report is true the Turkish army in Mesopotamia is almost as completely bottled up on the Tigris as was the army of General Townshend at Kut-el-Amara.

A delayed despatch from Tiflis which arrived here by way of Petrograd announces that the Turks have abandoned Rivandouza, or Rowanduz. This place is 75 miles from Mosul. For weeks the Russian cavalry has been pressing south and west from the lake Van region toward the coveted railway.

Official communication received from Petrograd today reports the repulse of a Turkish offensive in the Diarbekr region. This is 150 miles further up the Tigris. The report adds:

"In the direction of Mosul our advance continues."

It has been found that these Russian communications are generally by about two days late.

The Russian forces in the Caucasus, in order to make doubly sure of their aim, are striking in three places at the Bagdad railway and the Tigris—at Diarbekr, which is near the head waters of the great river; at Mosul and at Bagdad itself, by way of Kasrshirin.

The capture of the latter place, which is 110 miles northeast of Bagdad, was announced last week.

A Petrograd despatch today states that the Russian army driving against Diarbekr has occupied Mamakhatun.

INTIMATE VIEW OF PRESIDENCY

Wilson Gives Out. Confiden-
tial Statement Made to
Newspaper Men.

Washington, May 16.—President Wilson tonight made public a frank and intimate review of his three years in the White house, and his impressions of foreign and domestic diplomatic problems, delivered confidentially last night before Washington correspondents gathered at the National Press club. He spoke of the difficulties of the presidency and particularly of the motives which have guided his handling of the European situation.

"America," the president said, "is for peace because she loves peace and believes the present war has carried the nations engaged so far that they cannot be held to ordinary standards of responsibility."

But, he added, the United States has grown to be one of the great nations of the world, and therefore must act "more or less from the point of view of the rest of the world."

"Punch" Is Needed.
"If I cannot retain by moral influence over a man except by occasionally knocking him down," he said, "if that is the only basis on which he will respect me, then for the sake of his soul I have got to occasionally knock him down."

The president declared he had been kept awake nights considering the European question, because there might come a "time when the United States would have to do what I did not desire to do, and the great burden on my spirits has been that when the time came, I should not be able to do it. He admitted that he did not conceive that he had been elected president to do as he pleased. "If I were it would have been very much more interesting," he said.

Sounds Warning.
Impressions of public men as a class were given frankly by the president, with the comment that some grew and some swelled. He also discussed the relations of the newspapers to the affairs of the nation, and sounded a warning that false information about foreign affairs was more than likely to lead to trouble.

The president's remarks as originally delivered were read by him carefully before being made public, but no important portions were eliminated, and the wording was not changed substantially.

Following is the text of the president's speech:

I am both glad and sorry to be here; glad because I am always happy to be with you, and know and like so many of you; and sorry because I have to make a speech. One of the leading faults of you gentlemen of the press is your inordinate desire to hear other men talk, to draw them out upon all occasions, whether they wish to be drawn out or not. I remember being in this Press club once before, making many unprepared disclosures of myself, and then having you with your singular instinct for publicity insist that I should give it away to everybody else.

Dangerous Practice.
Now, that is pretty dangerous, gentlemen, because it happens that remarks cast fires. There is tinder lying everywhere, not only on the other side of the water, but on this side of the water, and a man that spreads sparks may be responsible for something a great deal worse than burning a town on the Mexican border. Thoughts may be bandits. Thoughts may be raiders. Thoughts may be invaders. Thoughts may be disturbers of international peace, and when you reflect upon the importance of this country keeping out of the present war, you will realize what tremendous elements we are all dealing with. We are all in the same boat. If somebody does not keep the processes of peace going, if somebody does not keep their passions disengaged, by what impartial judgment and suggestion is the world to be aided to a solution when the whole thing is over? If you are in a conference in which you know anybody is disinterested, how are you going to make a plan? I tell you this, gentlemen, the only thing that saves the world is the little handful of disinterested men that are in it.

Now, I have found a few disinterested men. I wish I had found more. I can name two or three men with whom I have conferred again and again, and I have never caught them by an inadvertence thinking about themselves for their own interests, and I tie to those men as you would tie to an anchor. I tie to them as you would tie to the voices of conscience if you could be sure that you always heard them. Men who have no axes to grind? Men who love America so that they would give their lives for it, and never care whether anybody heard that they had given their lives for it; willing to die in obscurity if only they might serve? Those are the men, and nations like those men are the nations that are going to serve the world and save it. There never was a time in the history of the world when character, just sheer character, all by itself, told more than it does now. A friend of mine says that every man who takes office in Washington either grows or swells, and when I give a man an office I watch him carefully to see whether he is swelling or growing. The mischief of it is that when they swell they do not swell hard enough to burst. If they would only swell to the point where you might insert a pin and let out the gases, it would be a great delight. I do not know any pastime that would be more diverting, except that the gases are probably poisonous, so that we would have to stand from under. But the men who grow, the men who think better a year after they are put in office than they thought when they were put in office, are the balance wheel of the whole thing. They are the ballast that enables the craft to carry sail and to make port in the long run, no matter what the weather is.

Recalls Impressions.
I was thinking as I was looking forward to coming here this evening that at other occasions when I stood virtually nearly at the threshold of the duties that I have since been called upon to perform, and I was going over in my mind the impressions that I then had, by way of fore-

GUILTY MAN WITH CONVICT DOUBLE AFTER MANY YEARS LIFTS CRIME CLOUD



Left, two poses of Ernest C. Divine, the innocent man; right, two poses of A. Gilbert Sargent, the criminal.

Eight years ago Ernest C. Divine, of Chicago, was arrested for passing a forged check for \$30,000 in Boston. Boston hotel and several other persons positively identified him as the forger. He was tried and escaped only because he was able to present an unshakable alibi. His friends deserted him and business men refused to trust him until a few days ago, when the real forger, A. Gilbert Sargent, was discovered and confessed the crime.

cast of the duties of president, and comparing them with the experiences that have followed. I must say that the forecast has been very largely verified, and that the impressions I had then have been deepened rather than weakened.

You may recall that I said then that I felt constantly a personal detachment from the presidency; that one thing that I resented when I was not performing the duties of the office was being reminded that I was the president of the United States. I felt toward it as a man feels toward a great function which, in working hours, he is obliged to perform, but which, out of working hours, he is glad to get away from and almost forget, and resume the quiet course of his own thoughts. I am constantly reminded as I go about, as I do sometimes at the week-end, of the personal inconvenience of being president of the United States. If I want to know how many people live in a small town, all I have to do is to go there and they at once line up to be counted. I might, in a census-taking year, save the census takers a great deal of trouble by asking them to accompany me and count the people on the spot. Sometimes, when I am most beset, I seriously think of renting a pair of whiskers or of doing something else that will furnish me with an adequate disguise, because I am sorry to find that the cut of my job is unmistakable and must spill under false colors if I am going to sail incognito.

Strain Is Heavy.
Yet, as I have matched my experiences with my anticipations, I, of course, have been aware that I was taken by surprise because of the prominence of many things to which I had not looked forward. When we are dealing with democratic affairs, gentlemen, we are dealing with things that to us, as Americans, are more or less calculable. There is a singular variety among our citizenship, it is true, a greater variety even than I had anticipated; but, after all, we are all steeped in the same atmosphere; we are all surrounded by the same environment; we are all more or less affected by the same traditions, and moreover, we are working out something that has to do with the moral consciousness of the nation, and the elements are there to be dealt with at first hand.

But when the fortunes of your country are, so to say, subject to the incalculable winds of passion that are blowing through other parts of the world, then the strain is of a singular and unprecedented kind, because you do not know by what turn of the wheel of fortune the control of things is going to be taken out of your hand; it makes no difference how deep the passion of the nation lies, that passion may be so overborne by the rush of fortune in circumstances like those which now exist that you feel the sort of—I had almost said resentment, that a man feels when his own affairs are not within his own hands. You can imagine the strain upon the feeling of any man who is trying to interpret the spirit

of his country when he feels that that spirit cannot have its own way beyond a certain point. And one of the greatest points of strain upon me, if I may be permitted to point it out, was this:

There are two reasons why the chief wish of Americans is for peace. One is that they love peace and have nothing to do with the present quarrel, and the other is that they believe the present quarrel has carried those engaged in it so far that they can not be held to ordinary standards of responsibility and that, therefore, as some men have expressed it to me, since the rest of the world is mad, why should we not simply refuse to have anything to do with the rest of the world in the ordinary channels of action? Why not let the storm pass, and then, when it is all over, have the reckoning?

Big Responsibilities.
Knowing that from both these two points of view the passion of America was for peace, I was, nevertheless, aware that America is not only one of the chief nations of the world—a nation that grows more and more powerful almost in spite of herself; that grows morally more and more influential even when she is not aware of it; and that if she is to play the part which she most covets, it is necessary that she must act more or less from the point of view of the rest of the world. When I cannot do that, when I influence over a man except by occasionally knocking him down, if that is the only basis upon which he will respect me, then for the sake of his soul, I have got to occasionally knock him down.

You know how we have read in— isn't it in Ralph Connor's stories of western life in Canada?—that all his pilots are ready for a fracas at any time, and how the ultimate salvation of the souls of their parishioners depends upon their using their fists occasionally. If a man will not listen to you quietly in a seat, sit on his neck and make him listen; just as I have always maintained, particularly in view of certain experiences of mine, that the shortest road to a boy's moral sense is through his cuticle. There is a direct, and, if I may be permitted the pun, a fundamental connection between the surface of his skin and his moral consciousness. You arrest his attention first in that way and then get the moral lesson conveyed to him in milder ways that, if he were grown up, would be the only way you would use.

So I say that I have been aware that in order to do the very thing that we are proudest of the ability to do, there might come a time when we would have to do it in a way that we would prefer not to do it; and the great burden on my spirits, gentlemen, has been that it has been up to me to choose when that time came. Can you imagine a thing more calculated to keep a man awake at nights than that? Because, just because I did not feel that I was the whole thing and was aware that my duty was a duty of interpretation, how could I be sure that I had the right elements of



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What we are now talking about is largely spiritual. You say "All the people out my way think so and so." Now, I know perfectly well that you have not talked with all the people out your way. I find that out again and again. And so you are taken by surprise. The people of the United States are not asking anybody's leave to do their own thinking and are not asking anybody to tip them off what they ought to think. They are thinking for themselves, every man for himself; and you do not know, and the worst of it is, since the responsibility is mine, I do not know what they are thinking about. I have the most imperfect means of finding out, and yet I have to act as if I knew. That is the burden of it and I tell you, gentlemen, it is a pretty serious burden, particularly if you look upon the office as I do—that I am not put here to do what I please. If I were, I would interpret, to register, to suggest, and, more than that, and much more greater than that, to be suggested to.

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ward Mosul and the Tigris river region, and is drawing nearer the Bagdad railway. To the northwest around Diarbekr the Turks attempted an attack on the Russians but were repulsed. On the greater portion of the line in Belgium and France the artillery of both the Germans and entente allies continues active, being especially vigorous in Belgium in the region of Dixmude and St. Georges, and in France around the Arcourt wood, Hill 304 and Le Mort Homme, northwest of Verdun. The Germans have directed another infantry attack against the French positions west of Hill 304 for the possession of which there has been much sanguinary fighting but the maneuver was again checked by the French curtain of fire. The Germans in the Lake region between Drinsk and Vilna attacked and occupied advanced Russian trenches near Lake Dolje. The Russians, however, in a counter-attack expelled the invaders and drove them back to their former positions. In the lower Stripa region of Galicia the Poles launched an attack against the Russian trenches but were repulsed.

Read the Classified Ads.

**FIREMEN OVERCOME
BY FUMES OF ACID**
Spokane, Wash., May 16.—Forty-one firemen were overcome by fumes while fighting a fire here tonight in the basement of a drug store in the Peyton building, a seven-story structure. The condition of several is serious, physicians at the emergency hospital announced late tonight.

Five women, trapped by smoke, were rescued by firemen with ropes and ladders from the seventh floor. Three more women were taken from the lower floors, while several male occupants of the building were carried out suffering from the effects of smoke.

Smoke, mingled with fumes of nitric acid and other chemicals, penetrated the entire building. Firemen fell so rapidly that furniture vans and motor trucks were pressed into service to carry the men to an emergency hospital.

**AIR RAIDERS IN
ATTACK ON QUEEN**

Rome, May 16, 10:35 p. m.—It is reported that Austrian air raiders on Monday attempted to attack a train on which were Queen Helena and the children of the royal household. The attack failed and the air raiders were put to flight by Italian airships.

Paris, May 16.—Progress for the Austrians against the Italians in southern Tyrol and on the lower Isonzo and a continuation of the Russian advance through Kurdistan toward Mosul, the Russian objective being the Bagdad railway related to in official quotations from Vienna and Petrograd. In the other theaters there is much artillery fighting but little activity by the infantry.

The Austrians in the region south and southeast of Trent in southern Tyrol are reported by Vienna to have captured Italian trenches at several points, taken prisoner 2,565 men, among them 65 officers, and captured seven guns and eleven machine guns. The entry of Austrians into Italian trenches east of Montefalco, near the head of the Gulf of Trieste, and the capture here of additional officers and men also is recorded by Vienna.

Petrograd reports that the Russian force which recently drove out the Turks from the Rowanduz region is continuing its progress westward to-

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